

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2000-606-WS - ORDER NO. 2009-335

MAY 19, 2009

IN RE: Application of River Pines Water System,	)	ORDER REVOKING
Inc. Requesting Approval to Transfer Stock	)	CERTIFICATE OF
to Reece Williams d/b/a Piedmont Water	)	PIEDMONT WATER
Company	)	COMPANY, INC.
	)	
(Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for	)	
Commission to Order a Rule to Show Cause	)	
Why the Certificate and Public Convenience	)	
and Necessity of Certain Water/Wastewater	)	
Service Providers Should Not Be Revoked)	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") by way of the Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") to revoke Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity of certain water/wastewater service providers for failure to file gross receipts forms for 2008. ORS's Petition was filed with the Commission on March 31, 2009. As set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §58-510, et seq. (Supp. 2008), the Commission is responsible for the regulation of water/wastewater utilities operating for compensation and pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-4-10, et seq., the ORS is charged with the duty to protect the public interest.

The ORS developed a list of the water/wastewater utilities that failed to file gross receipts forms with ORS and such list was attached as Exhibit A to ORS's Petition and entered into the record at the hearing in this matter before the Commission on May 13, 2009, as Hearing Exhibit 1.

On April 3, 2009, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing, setting this matter for hearing on May 13, 2009, at 2:45 p.m. A formal hearing regarding this matter was held at the Commission offices on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 2:45 p.m. ORS was represented by Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire. Dawn M. Hipp, the Director of Transportation, Telecommunications and Water/Wastewater, testified for ORS.

At the hearing, Ms. Hipp presented testimony that as of the date of the filing of the ORS Petition in this matter that Piedmont Water Company, Inc. had failed to file its gross receipts form with ORS. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-3-100, 58-3-540, 58-4-60, and 58-9-370, the public utilities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction are assessed by the Department of Revenue based on amounts that are certified by the Commission, the Review Committee and ORS. Additionally, the ORS stated in its Petition, and Ms. Hipp testified, that the ORS made numerous attempts to notify the company of its failure to file gross receipts form relying on the contact information provided by the company to the Commission.

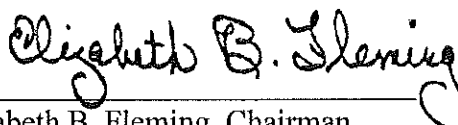
The Commission finds that the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Piedmont Water Company, Inc. which is the subject of this petition (attached as an Appendix to this Order and labeled "Hearing Exhibit 1") should be revoked and cancelled for its failure to file its 2008 gross receipts form.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

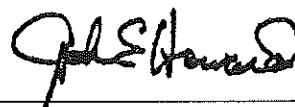
1. That the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Piedmont Water Company, Inc. is revoked and cancelled.
2. That all operating rights authorized under the Certificate are null and void.

3. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
John E. Howard, Vice Chairman  
(SEAL)

# Appendix

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## Exhibit A

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rule to Show Cause Water and Wastewater Utilities Non-Compliant with Gross Receipts Filing 2008

No.	Name	Certificate Type	Address	City	State	Zip	Date Certified	Docket Number	Order Number	Secretary of State Standing
1	Piedmont Water Company, Inc.	Water	2 5th Avenue	Charleston	SC	29403	8/22/2001	2000-606-WS	2001-880	Good Standing

